

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
MINUTES
September 10, 2013**

The Board Meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive Frankfort, Kentucky on September 10, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anne Olson, Chair, Audiologist
Heather Johnson, Vice Chair, SLP
Robin Harris, SLP
Richard Dressler, SLP
George Purvis, Audiologist
Deanna L. Frazier, Audiologist
Anne Olson, Chair, Audiologist
Jan J. Weisberg, Otolaryngologist

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lynda Bracken, Citizen at Large

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator

BOARD ATTORNEY

Michael West

GUESTS

Paula Goff, Part C Coordinator, Kentucky Early Intervention System
Tammie Isenberg, Assistant Part C Coordinator, Kentucky Early Intervention System

Call to Order

Chair Anne Olson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Paula Goff, Part C Coordinator and Tammie Isenberg, Assistant Part C Coordinator for Kentucky Early Intervention Systems were introduced to the Board by Chair Anne Olson.

Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Johnson to approve the minutes of August 13, 2013 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Richard Dressler. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Monthly Financial Report

The FY14 Monthly Financial Report for July 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013 was reviewed. The Board questioned what the Worker's Comp expenditure was that was showing up on the report. Ms. Egbert will get clarification on what the expenditure was from the Fiscal Department. George Purvis questioned a registration fee for the Conference he will be attending that was showing up on the Financial Report. He has submitted his but felt this was not his because it looked like it included additional days. Ms. Egbert stated that it could be Ms. Bracken's as she is going for the early session of the conference as well as the rest of the conference. Ms. Egbert will check with Fiscal on this also. No further action taken.

Licensure Status Report

The Licensure Status Report was reviewed by the Board. No further action was taken.

O&P Report

Marcia Egbert reported the following:

Administrative Specialist III

Jennifer Hutcherson will start on Tuesday, September 3rd. Jennifer comes to Occupations and Professions after serving 10 years in the banking industry.

Budget

The biennial budget process has begun and Occupations and Professions will need full cooperation to assure that all needs are met throughout the process.

Database

The Commonwealth Office of Technology has put together a dedicated team to oversee the construction of the database project and they have been to the office multiple times to research the current system and forms. They have indicated that they should be able to meet an end of the year deadline for the front end interface. Board Administrators have been meeting with them regarding the renewal process and the applications for each board. Over the next two months, Mr. Osborne hopes to have the project manager, or a member of the team, visit with each board for a more substantial update.

KRS 131.1817 – Department of Revenue

The pension reform bill that passed during the 2013 Regular Session went into effect in July and notices, under the Tax Payer Bill of Rights, have been sent to delinquent taxpayers to let them know that this law passed and because of it, their driver's license or professional license may be revoked. Over the next few months, the Department of Revenue will send additional notices to delinquent tax payers in an effort to collect the due taxes. Mr. Osborne and the Department of Revenue have agreed, to have someone present the law, timeline and intentions to all of the boards that provide service to.

Websites

As many of you know, the Public Protection Cabinet suffered damage to network servers, including the one that hosts the Occupations and Professions website, as well as the website for all of the boards our office provides service to. The websites ARE back up and running and there doesn't seem that any data was disturbed. If there is something that has changed, or needs to be changed, please let the Board Administrator know and she will inform Mr. Osborne

Wireless Internet

A work order to begin all necessary technology improvements and installations was submitted this morning so that all conference rooms will have wireless internet access as soon as the Commonwealth Office of Technology can have a technician come and install it. This service will be available to all board members on laptops and tablets, and the Board Administrator will be able to provide the login information.

Attorney's Report

Michael West stated that he would be attending the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee in regard to 201 KAR 17:012; 201 KAR 17:030, 201 KAR 17:034 and 201 KAR 17:036 on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Robin Harris will attend with Mr. West. Marcia Egbert will send copies of the changes to Robin Harris for review prior to the meeting. Mr. West also stated that the Archives and Frequently Asked Questions that he reviewed were fine and will be posted on the website.

Old Business

George Purvis had sent additional information for review by the Board in regard to the Scope of Practice of screening for depression. It included the position of a major Audiology organization. No further action taken.

First Steps personnel were invited to a licensure board meeting to outline procedures for services. The report was given by Paula Goff, Part C Coordinator, KEIS.

Regulation changes occurred in 2008 and many processes were adjusted. A Primary Service Provider Model was adopted which shifts the focus from professional support (therapy sessions) to support for the caregivers who become more confident and capable of caring for the child over time.

Furthermore, the model is based on family goals. Thus any home visits are to be centered around natural family-child interactions and other learning opportunities.

To qualify, children must meet either established risk conditions, or from results of 5 area assessment. This includes a norm referenced assessment (Bailey or Battelle) and a Criterion referenced assessment (PLS, REEL or Rosetti). The assessments may be administered by an SLP, or other qualified individual as determined by First Steps. Paula indicated that the assessments were not considered screening tools. If the child qualifies, they are referred to a SLP if needed. In fact 80% of children referred to 1st steps present with S/L issues. Under 1st Steps regs, a discipline specific assessment may be requested in consult with IFSP team needed, however, they do not get additional "assessment time" to do this assessment, but rather it is incorporated into therapy. The therapy rate and assessment rate are the same as of 2009. Additional discussion ensued. The board will consult with other professional organizations to determine the best approach.

Archives and Frequently Asked Questions that have been completed and approved will be placed on the website once the remaining Archive items and Frequently Asked Questions are completed and reviewed.

New Business

The Board discussed an E-mail from Jill Corwin regarding a Response To Intervention (RTI) question in regard to if an SLP is still meeting the minutes for their current caseload, can he/she provide RTI services as well, even if the amount of students in the RTI group would put the caseload over cap? The Board's position is "No. It would exceed the caseload limitations." Ms. Olson will respond to Ms. Corwin.

In response to an e-mail from Stephanie Aldridge concerning the caseload max for a part-time contract SLP with an SLP Assistant, the Board stated:

As stated in the Kentucky Revised Statute 334A.190 Caseload limitations for speech-language pathologist in the public schools, caseload size is determined by the therapist with/without assistants.

Effectively for each full day of work of the **SLP** the caseload for the SLP with an SLPA could equal 19 students. Caseload will have to be calculated on the number of days of the **contract therapist** not on the basis of the full-time SLPA.

The Board responded to Melissa Fleming's question regarding whether or not it would be legal for an SLP to sign a separate contract with the school system so the SLP might, for additional pay, see children after school and not count those children on their caseloads. The Board stated, "It would be legal to have a separate contract to see kids after school as it would be like having two jobs. The 65/day caseload refers to school-based caseloads."

Nanette Barnett requested clarification on the statement in the regulations regarding telepractice and fee splitting. She owns a small company and subcontracts to SLPs. Does this constitute fee splitting? The Board's response is that because there is no kick-back from one practitioner to another and because everything is being done in-house and under one company that this would not constitute fee splitting.

The Board responded to Kendra Massey's letter that pursuant to 201 KAR 17:034, she must have 27 hours to obtain a license and she only has 25. She must obtain two more hours in the required class of Aural Rehab.

Complaint Committee Report

The Complaint Committee made the following recommendations for the Board's approval:

- a. 2013-002 – Ongoing
- b. 2013-003 – Ongoing
- c. 2013-004 – Ongoing
- d. 2013-005 – Ongoing
- e. 2013-006 – Ongoing – The Complaint Committee recommends that an Investigative Subpoena be issued. George Purvis made a motion that an Investigative Subpoena be issued. Robin Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Complaint Committee has requested that the Board appoint another person to sit on the Complaint Committee representing SLP's as Heather Johnson's term as a Board member has ended and she will not be back. George Purvis made the recommendation that Richard Dressler be appointed to sit on the Complaint Committee representing SLP's. The Board was in agreement and Mr. Dressler was appointed to the Complaint Committee.

Richard Dressler made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Complaint Committee. George Purvis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Application Review

The Applications Review Committee met at 10:00 a.m. Heather Johnson made a motion, seconded by Robin Harris to approve recommendations made from today's committee meeting of the following applicants in the appropriate areas. The motion carried unanimously.

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – *Katie M. Cruey, Hilary J. Hatfield, Emily S. Hebbeler, Jennifer R. Larsen, Lauren M. Nunn, Lauren Ross, Brittany R. Spencer*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – CHANGE IN SUPERVISION/PPE –
Natalie Goodin, Callie Toller, Jessica Oliver

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – EXTENSION REQUEST – *Layla Jade Baker, Jessica Ann Oliver, DeAndra Russ*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT INTERIM – *Melissa W. McDaniel*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – INTERIM – CHANGE IN
SUPERVISION/ PPE – *Julie Nevitt*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – CHANGE IN SUPERVISION/ PPE –
Deborah Hauke, Brenda Stefanic

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT INTERIM – EXTENSION REQUEST –
Julie B. Nevitt

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – *Sara Browning, Audrey L. Cathcart, Chrissie Clark, Sarah Clemens, Ellen Kae Engel, Sarah E. Fuentes, Brandy Shumake-Young, Leah A. ZurSchmiede*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – APPROVED WITH PROVISION – *Melissa Dorsey*
(*Must submit Current CCC's letter.*)

AUDIOLOGY – *None*

REINSTATEMENTS – AUDIOLOGY – *Rebekah Lyn Donnelly*

CONTINUING EDUCATION: *Approval of CEU's. The approved CEU's and number of hours will be posted on the Board website at <http://slp.ky.gov> under Resources/Continuing Education.*

Travel and Per Diem

Richard Dressler made a motion to approve payment of travel expenses and per diem compensation to eligible members in attendance at today's meeting. The motion was seconded by Robin Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on October 8, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Occupations and Professions Office, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601.

The Board asked that Marcia Egbert bring all of the new Renewal letters to the next meeting for approval.

The schedule for renewal notices is as follows:

October – Letter on Ethics Requirements for Renewal

November – E-Mail Reminder for Renewal

December – Postcard Reminder

January 2, 2014 – Letter to those that have not renewed

February – Letter to those that failed to renew and are in late status

March – Cease and Desist letters to those that failed to renew

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Anne Olson at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marcia Egbert